

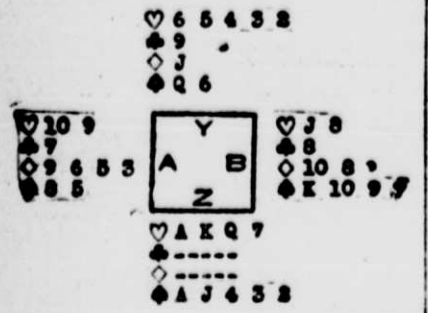
PROBLEMS FOR "SUN" READERS TO SOLVE

W. B. Orr's Bridge Composition One Calculated to Catch the Unwary.

HOW HIGH IS THIS TOWER?

Instructive Exercises for the Checker Player to Study.

Bridge problem No. 274 was composed by one of the old guard among the solvers of THE SUN problems, William B. Orr, and it is a position that would be likely to catch any one napping, as a very strong defense is established against the apparent solution of the very first trick. Here is the distribution:



Clubs are trumps and Z is in the lead. Y and Z want eight tricks out of the nine against any defense.

The solution is for Z to start with one of his top hearts, and the best defense is for Y to give up the jack of hearts on the very first trick.

If B does not make this play Z can lead his seven of hearts for the second trick, and no matter what suit or what card B leads, Y gets in, either on that trick or the next, and on Y's play of the best club and the best diamond Z gets rid of his two high hearts, so as to unblock the suit for Y's three small hearts.

Those who tried out the various possibilities of No. 271 soon discovered that if Black began with 7-10, either 25-25 or 15-14 would draw for White. The first would force 30-26 from black, the second 10-17, and while would then make the other move. This practically disclosed the intended solution of No. 271, so the problem was restated as follows:

Black men on 18, 24 and 29, no kings. White to play and draw. The solution was already found for defending against the win in 271, either 15-14 or 25-25 first, the other following.

Correct analysis from the following: who sent in this line of play for either the first or the second setting:

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Problem No. 274, by George Buchanan, was an instructive ending, showing the care that must be exercised in order to obtain the fullest advantage from a winning position. The distribution of the pieces was as follows:

Black men on 7, 16, 20 and 22; no kings. White men on 23, 27 and 31; king on 6. White to play and win. Here are the moves that solve:

White: 6-2, 2-7, 27-24, 24-23, 23-22, 22-21, 21-20, 20-19, 19-18, 18-17, 17-16, 16-15, 15-14, 14-13, 13-12, 12-11, 11-10, 10-9, 9-8, 8-7, 7-6, 6-5, 5-4, 4-3, 3-2, 2-1. Black: 7-11, 11-10, 10-9, 9-8, 8-7, 7-6, 6-5, 5-4, 4-3, 3-2, 2-1.

This is simply itself. The only defect in it is that B is not obliged to take the lead in spades so early. Another equally simple solution, sent in by several, was to start with the spade jack. B wins and leads the suit right back. This goes to Y, who leads the club and diamond, on which Z gets rid of the small spades, making his ace of spades and four hearts good for the remainder of the tricks.

This is faulty, but not for the same reason. If B ducks the spade jack, Z can lead the club and if B drops the jack, Z can lead the ten spade and then the small heart, which looks like a double solution. But B does not drop the heart jack in this case, and if Z tries the small heart he is thrown back into the lead with the king of spades. Now A can ruff spades and B can ruff hearts.

Correct solutions from: C. H. O'Connor, Charles M. Root, E. Tucker, W. B. Orr, J. Buchanan, Frank H. Young, James Steen, L. S. Hart, Jr., George B. Glover, B. G. Braine, O. H. Boston, E. M. Frost, Keystone, W. P. W. Henry, Andrew, James E. Cox, J. H. Harvey, J. C. Hill, D. Perry, K. W. Woolhouse-Boye, Walker.

PIMPLES ITCHED SO COULD NOT SLEEP

Black and Face Badly Affected. Festered and Came to Head. Caused Much Disfigurement. Cuticura Soap and Ointment Entirely Cured.

120 Broome St., New York, N. Y. - About two months ago my face broke out on my face. They itched so badly that I began scratching them until they bled. They soon multiplied until my neck and face were badly affected with them. The pimples festered and came to a head. I began to grow restless. They itched so badly that I could not sleep at night. They also caused me much disfigurement.

I bought many remedies but they were useless. I read the advertisement of Cuticura Soap and Ointment and bought a cake of Cuticura Soap and a box of Cuticura Ointment. I applied them twice a day, first washing with the Soap and hot water, and then applying the Ointment. In two weeks I was greatly relieved and in two months I was entirely cured. (Signed) Joseph Shuster, Oct. 14, 1913.

Retain your good looks. Keep your skin clear, clean and free from dandruff, hair loss and greasy, hands soft and white, nails smooth and healthy. Cuticura Soap, with occasional use of Cuticura Ointment, will promote and maintain these conditions in most cases when all else fails. Remedies in purity, delicate medication, convenience and economy, they meet with the approval of the most discriminating. Sold by druggists and dealers throughout the world. Liberal sample of each mailed free, with 22-p. Skin Book. Address post-card: Cuticura Dept. T, Boston.

Let me know if you have and shampoo with Cuticura Soap. It did it best for skin and scalp.

THE WINDING WIRE. Here is a little problem which does not require the mere statement of the solution so much as the demonstration that the solution must be correct.

An electrician was employed to run a wire up the inside of a round tower, concealing it under the lower side of the ceiling of the winding stairs where they joined the wall. From where the wire entered at the bottom to where it came out at the top there were twelve complete turns of the stairs, with fourteen floors to each. The inside diameter of the tower from wall to wall, against which the wire lay, being eight feet.

When the workman reported to the shop he said he had used 319 feet of wire for the job. This led to an argument as to the height of the tower, one of the workmen on the job insisting that he had counted the steps and knew just how many there were, 168. What he did not know was the rise to each step. What was it?

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